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- I. Egypt apparently desires to avoid hostilities with Israel this year. 25X1

- II. King Hussain is putting the squeeze on the Syrian troops (3,500) still in Jordan.

- IV. Nasr also trying to influence the Lebanese parliamentary elections, which begin 9 June.

- A. Objective is to neutralize Lebanese president Chamoun, who has demonstrated unexpected guts in leading his country firmly into the Western camp.

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